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Stepping in to help

Several local CUPE members receive layoff notices. Heritage Ballet dancers come together at the Concert for Ukraine on Friday, June 10 at Abbey Gardens. The event raised more than \$3,000 for the UNHCR (United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees). See more photos on page 10. /DARREN LUM Staff

Union opposes TLDSB staff layoffs

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

Seven educational assistants and three custodial staff employees from schools in

Haliburton County have received layoff notices, part of a "very concerning" number of staff cuts that has resulted in more than 70 Trillium Lakelands District School Board (TLDSB) staff receiving notice, according to their union.

"Both of these groups of employees

are front line supports for students and a reduction in staffing levels will affect students," said Bill Campbell, president of the Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 997, Education Workers of Trillium Lakelands District School Board. Campbell said the union is copied on

all layoff notices issued to its members. He said in Haliburton County, Archie Stouffer Elementary School and Haliburton Highlands Secondary School have both lost three permanent educa-

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tional assistant (EA) positions, while Cardiff Elementary School has lost one. Three custodial staff employees have received layoff notices, one each at ASES, Stuart Baker Elementary School and J.D. Hodgson Elementary School. In total, 79 TLDSB staff members are affected by the layoffs.

"This is very concerning as it represents about 11 per cent of our total membership who have received a layoff notice," Campbell said. "To be honest any level of layoff is concerning. With current staffing levels, schools have had to put in place a 'Plan B' when a staff member is ill and are not replaced. A Plan B is when some areas of the school are not cleaned or some students who normally receive EA support are not provided that support. With reduced staffing through layoffs, every day will be a plan B." Campbell said the reduction in educational assistant supports means that fewer students will get the support they need to attend school.

"EAs support the highest needs students in the school system," said Campbell. "EAs keep classrooms safe as they attempt to control negative and disruptive behaviour in the classrooms. When one student is disruptive in class, no one in the class can learn. EAs also work with students in small groups of one-to-one to support them to reach their learning potential. The average annual wage of an educational assistant with TLDSB is \$35,000. This salary represents the third lowest paid educational assistants in Ontario."

Custodial staff, he said, are necessary to keep schools clean and safe.

"The custodial staff at TLDSB have been reduced through successive layoffs in 2015, 2016, 2019 and now again in 2022," he said. "There is no flexibility in custodial staffing that would allow this employee group to maintain the cleaning standards going into the new school year. As a result, if the layoffs stand, the schools will not be as clean and possibly not as safe going forward."

Campbell refers to a February 2022 Ministry of Education memo related to funding for the 2022-2023 school year that "states that one of the priorities of the COVID-19 Learning Recovery Fund is to 'maintain enhanced cleaning standards' along with hiring more EAs and other education workers."

Within the memo, Campbell said, "the highlighted funds continue to flow from the government for an additional year and each of these funds provides funding for the CUPE positions that have been cut."

Campbell said the number of this year's layoffs is much higher than in an average year.

"As an example for the start of school this year [September 2021] there were no layoffs for custodial and while there were layoffs for educational assistants, the new permanent postings was well in excess of the number of reductions which resulted in more permanent hiring for the EA group," Campbell told the *Echo*.

A rally calling on the board to rescind the layoffs has been planned by the union, to be held June 14 at 5 p.m. in the parking lot of Macaulay Public School in Bracebridge,

across from the Muskoka Education Centre where a board meeting will take place. Campbell plans to present to the board at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be livestreamed at tldsbc.ca.

"We are hopeful that the rally and presentation to the TLDSB board and its trustees will draw attention to the cuts and the associated reduction in front line supports for students that need them most," Campbell said. "In the context of a student population that has not had a 'normal' school year in the past three, due to COVID-19 and the learning deficit this has caused, we will make the case that the need is there along with the government funding to provide the supports to the students."

"The school board exists for one reason, which is to provide a safe and welcoming place to receive a world class education," he said. "Without the front line supports provided to schools to ensure a safe place for students to learn, and adequate supports to assist in that learning, the school board is failing our learners and the communities it serves."

Additionally, Campbell said the school board has closed Yearly Outdoor Education Centre which is located in Huntsville and has been attended by TLDSB students learning curriculum-based outdoor education throughout the region over the past 40 years. Two layoff notices were issued for the outdoor education technicians that work there.

At press time, Trillium Lakelands District School Board had not responded to questions about the layoffs from the *Echo*.

Municipal-funded recycling programs to be phased out by 2024

STEPHEN PETRICK

Special to the *Echo*

Municipal taxpayers in Haliburton County may not be paying much – if anything at all – for recycling collection as soon as 2024.

A daunting transition to put the onus of blue box collection on producers of recycled products is underway province-wide, meaning municipalities might get a financial break, but they'll still have big decisions to make if they wish to contribute to environmental cleanliness.

Haliburton County councillors heard about the plan in a lengthy delegation at their Wednesday, June 8 meeting.

"Your councils need to start talking about what transition for your municipalities look like?" said Peter Hargreave, a consultant helping the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's waste diversion department. "Do you want to play in a role in service provision?"

All four Haliburton County municipalities are expected to be relieved of managing recycling initiatives in 2024; Dysart et al and Highlands East on Jan. 1; Algonquin Highlands on March 31 and Minden Hills on Oct. 1.

Hargreave pointed out that when blue box programs came about, experts assumed it would be lucrative for municipalities, as they would collect recycled products, like paper and metal, and sell the materials to generate revenue.

But those profits never materialized and eventually municipalities made a "shared-responsibility" agreement with producers, meaning the two groups split the costs of recycle collection programs.

Now that model is about to change, too.

Hargreave showed a slide which revealed that waste diversion in the province has dropped steadily over the years, while the costs of collection programs, province-wide, has increased steadily, from just under \$280 million in 2008 to more than \$360 million in 2018.

The plan to put more onus on producers started in 2016 with Ontario's passing of the *Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act*. Some municipalities will start the transition of handing over their programs in mid-2023. New standards on what can be recycled and new targets for collection volume will also be phased in throughout this decade.

Hargreave said the producers are looking for municipalities to make decisions on how much they want to help with future blue box collection this summer, given that a municipal election is coming in the fall.

Haliburton County municipalities, he suggested, have decisions to make, since most residents in the area deliver their recycled materials at landfill sites. The

municipalities could choose to sign contracts with producers to have them pick up materials from their sites, but they can also opt not to, in which case producers would still have to make a plan to ensure residents have recycling service.

"It may mean they need to go to a different location for blue box materials (drop off)," Hargreave said. "So there are some potential changes that could come into place. But the requirement for those producers is to match what garbage collection is within your boundaries."

The delegation raised some questions among councillors, mostly logistical ones.

But Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt made it clear she was skeptical of the plan, saying that since producers are in "the driver's seat" they could make decisions that would force the municipality to make choices on short notice.

"The choice is like hanging or shooting. We're under the gun to make choices in a short timeline that are going to cost money."

Hargreave responded by saying that the intention of the reform is to save municipalities money and if a producer is unwilling to travel to a rural landfill site, they'll have to make their own plan to offer recycling services within the municipality.

"There should be no costs to municipalities moving forward," he said. "The question for municipalities is, 'do you want to play a role and if you do what role is that?'"



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Rotary gives lift to Legion

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 129 president Don Pitman, middle in blazer, accepts a cheque for \$10,000 from Rotary Club of Haliburton president, Heather Phillips on Thursday, June 3. † back, from left, Rotarians Mark Dennys, Ursula Devolin, Irv Handler, Andy Glecoff, Richard van Nood, Sue Collings, Mike Landry, Diane Smith, Ted Brandon, Jim Joseph and Tom Nichol. The donation will go towards new infrastructure for the Royal Canadian Legion Brand 129 featuring an elevator to promote accessibility from the top floor banquet hall to the bottom floor club room. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

HCPL auditor applauds merits of library

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed during a June 8 meeting of the Haliburton County Public Library board.

Oscar Poloni, auditor with KPMG, delivered a clean audit to the Haliburton County Public Library board and offered an encouraging message on the importance of libraries.

Poloni said that prior to the pandemic when he gave reports in-person, he often used the library when in need of a space to work and was very familiar with and appreciative of Minden's branch.

"One of the things I think the pandemic has demonstrated, particularly in communities that are more rural, if you will, is how important libraries have become from the point of community connectiveness perspective," he said, noting in particular the library's ability to offer internet access. "They become almost hubs of the community, to be able to provide support, and it's interesting sometimes, I heard a story that said, you never understand how lucky you are until you're unlucky, and it's interesting how the pandemic really makes people, in some respects, in some communities, appreciate their libraries even more."

Overall, Poloni said the library reported a total surplus of \$39,000 for the fiscal year, for an accumulated surplus of roughly \$622,000. He told the library board that capital assets had increased by \$17,000, reflecting \$121,000 in capital additions, primarily information technology and collection materials, offset by \$104,00 in amortization expense. Revenues have increased by 4.7 per cent, said his report, due primarily to higher funding from the county and increases in other revenues.

Expenses have increased by \$207,000 the majority of which relate to increased costs for personnel and library supplies which are consistent with pre-pandemic levels of spending, according to Poloni.

Poloni said the trend seen from 2020 to 2021 in terms of increased expenses is not unusual as the library opens up again after pandemic closures.

The board thanked Poloni for his report.

"Numbers are numbers and you deal with that every day, that's your world, but numbers reflect real people and organizations and I really appreciate what you just said about libraries and how important they are," said Andrea Roberts, vice-chair of the library board and Dysart et al mayor. "We've had a transition in staff, 2021 was a really challenging year ... but our branches held their own and we were open when we could to still service people. I totally agree with you that libraries are extremely important in all communities, but even more so in small rural communities."

New library website launched June 13

Erin Kernohan-Berning, tech and systems librarian, presented a sneak peek of the new library website to the board, who responded with enthusiasm at the design and accessibility features of the new site.

"There are things beyond looks we are

really excited about," Kernohan-Berning said. "As a brand new website it is built to the more modern standards of accessibility and responsiveness."

The responsive design means the site will work on any screen, whether it be desktop, phone or tablet, and is easier to zoom in on with no "pinching or zooming," as well as be accessed with a keyboard rather than "mousing" for those with mobility challenges.

The site also integrates with Biblio-Commons, the online public access catalogue used by the HCPL, making book searches right from the website easier for patrons, and allows for library programming to be easy to access for both patrons and staff updating the schedule.

"It's bright, bold, and really exciting to see this, this is fantastic," said board chair Sally Howson. "That whole programming page, wow. That's going to make your life so much easier. It's going to make it so much easier for people to register, to find out what's going on ... I think we've just done a whole quantum leap, in the library. We've just come forward so far, it's amazing."

In addition, a new library logo has been designed, and library staff are wearing lanyards to help patrons identify them.

Stanhope branch to reopen in July

Stephenson said Angie Bird, Algonquin Highlands CAO, confirmed that contractors are on site at the Stanhope branch and have a timeline in effect for the finalization of renovations, with a plan to pour concrete and install what Stephenson referred to as "odds and sods" including an adjusted book slot.

The work is expected to be done toward the end of June, with re-opening day of the long-closed branch planned for early July.

Discussion on DVDs

DVD circulation has increased across all branches as regular service at the library resumes after pandemic shut-downs, but is not yet at pre-pandemic levels. DVD circulation in May 2018 was 4,119 and 4,070 in May 2019. In May 2020 with pandemic closures, that number dropped to 0. In May 2021, DVD circulation was recorded at 563, and in May 2022, it was 1,324.

Roberts asked if, with the addition of Kanopy streaming service to the library's offerings, "is it time to not eliminate, but reduce the number of DVDs we have?"

Stephenson noted that people coming to the cottage might still have DVD players despite a societal shift to more use of streaming services. He said decisions aren't being made "just as the pandemic is winding down," but that staff is keeping an eye on circulation and ensuring funds are allocated to the best option, whether that be the Kanopy streaming service collection or DVDs.



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Haliburton Highlands Secondary School teacher Stacey Ingram, from left, educational assistant Brianne Pockett dance with PALS (Practical Academic Life Skills) students Alyssa Whittaker, Tinkerbell Maes and Jaicob Wagg during the post-Colour Run celebration, which ended Minden Pride week held at the school in Haliburton. The event helped to raise awareness about inclusiveness, and money for Minden Pride with a series of events held each day of last week.
/DARREN LUM Staff



Red Hawks show their colours for Pride Week

HHSS students helped to raise not only raised money, but awareness

There is reason for optimism for the LGBTQIA2S+ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and/or Questioning, Intersex, Asexual, Two-Spirit) community

after the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School's (HHSS) Pride Week said organizers.

One of three main organizers Katy

Booth, who is also a HHSS social justice and equity student in the class's first year of existence, said she's been happy with the reaction by her peers, and teachers at the school for the week.

From what she saw, it is more "normalized" to be part of the LGBTQIA2S+ community.

"There's not so much reaction to it. Of course that's not in all cases. There's still homophobia in small pockets, as well as at home [in broad terms], but I've noticed at school very, very fortunately, very thankfully this is a safer space," she said on the Wednesday during the bake sale of Pride Week.

Each day of the week for the school event included colour days when people were encouraged to wear that colour. On Monday, it was red, Tuesday green, Wednesday blue, Thursday purple and Friday rainbow. There was a different activity for each day, which included button making with pronouns on the buttons on Monday; spreading kind-

ness with written messages to encourage love and acceptance on Post-it notes on Tuesday; an opportunity to purchase bake sale goods (made by students studying culinary arts), with sales contributing to Minden Pride; the purchase of white T-shirts (with proceeds to Minden Pride) for the Colour Run on Thursday, and then participation in the Colour Run, which included a lap (or however many) around the school's track and various stations such as one where students could get ice cream and another to make buttons on Friday.

With Katy, the organization included peers Rayven Rideout and Landon Chaulk, and the leadership class.

Katy said the involvement by the social justice and equity class is rooted in the same approach as the leadership class, who look to find social causes to not only fundraise, but to also educate and raise awareness in the school.

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Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Katy Booth sprinkles colour on a Colour Run participant .



Haliburton Highlands Secondary School's Pride Week had dozens of people participate in the Colour Run.



Haliburton Highlands Secondary School students Grade 10 student Marley Mariani and Grade 11 Rio O'Malley come together after their participation in the Colour Run.

Hope for future

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Being part of the community made this past week's Pride Week significant.

"The importance for me is recognizing how far we still have to go and seeing yourself represented and just moving from tolerance to acceptance and making that shift is very important and just being surrounded by a community and allyship and seeing how we're not that different," Katy said.

She came out as bisexual in Grade 6 and is open to discussing her sexual orientation, remarking how she continues to come out to others through organic interactions. For her it's important to fund-raise, but also it's important to encourage "allyship."

The week also included a series of announcements for the school she made after consultation with Minden Pride that included music by LGBTQIA2S+ artists, the progress made and the various barriers facing the community.

"Through this learning experience, I've actually been surprised with the participation. It's been surprising," she said.

She hopes this momentum carries to next year, so the school's Gay Straight Alliance can start again and move from its dormant state to a more active one.

Co-organizer Rayven, who is open about being pansexual – she likes people for who they are and their sexual orientation, said informing her peers is significant to breaking down barriers.

"Sometimes I see people walking around the school [and I see them] stopping and looking at the flyers that we put up and reading them and saying, 'Oh, yeah, I didn't know that.' She added the awareness helps to dispel stereotypes about the community and the related Pride events.

When they held the button making workshop, she remembers expecting only 20 participants and the turnout exceeded her expectations.

"The amount of people that came out was just heartwarming. It's such a nice feeling to be able see that so many people are supportive even though you didn't expect them to be," she said.

The Grad 11 student only moved here this year from the Barrie and Midland area where she attended a Catholic school. The acceptance she has witness was a contrast to her past experience.

Rayven wants to see efforts held year-round instead of a week or a month.

"I hope one day we can have the ally flag flying all the time than just during the [month of Pride]," she said.

HHHS updating visitor policy

As the number of COVID-19 cases in Haliburton County is low and with some restrictions being lifted by the province of Ontario, Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) has updated its visitor policy, effective today (June 10).

Everyone entering our facilities will continue to be actively screened for COVID-19 symptoms, and visitors to long-term care and the in-patient department will be rapid tested. If the screening is failed or the test is positive, visitors will not be permitted to enter our facilities as per our current practice, with case-by-case exceptions for visitors to patients receiving end-of-life care.

Proof of vaccination will no longer be required for general visitors to HHHS including long-term care, however, essential caregivers will continue to require proof of vaccination.

There are also some changes being made to the number of visitors allowed in different facilities:

- emergency departments remains at

one visitor

- in-patient department up to four designated visitors, up to two at a time
- long-term care up to four essential caregivers, with up to four visitors at a time

Given that Ontario still requires masking in long-term care facilities and strongly recommends masking in hospitals, and because our facilities serve many people who are vulnerable to infection, HHHS will continue to require masking across all of our facilities. HHHS will continue to monitor the local COVID-19 situation as well as further direction from the province in the weeks and months ahead, and may update our visitor policies again. We strongly encourage all eligible community members to be vaccinated against COVID-19 to help protect our patients, residents, staff, and physicians.

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Forever in our memories: Creighton Feir

Care for the carers

AS OF JUNE 11, the province has lifted its masking requirements in places such as hospitals and public transit, but not long-term care and retirement homes.

Far be it for me to question what motivates politicians to do what they do, but I still cannot understand why people can't vote for a government we need, or why they end up voting for a government that consistently shows us who they are and what they stand for.

Think about who you want to hire to work on your car or your home. You don't call in the person who knows a lot of people, has influence and authority. You

look to the people with the related experience and skills specific to the work needed performed. So, why are we doing that with health care? Sure, there's the province's Chief Medical Officer Dr. Kieran Moore who said the decision to lift masking requirements was based on high vaccination rates and an improvement with the cases of COVID-19 in the province. It's difficult to trust Moore, who upon closer examination of past decisions during the several waves of the pandemic it's clear who is really making the decisions and why. There were past signs of improvement with case numbers and then another wave and another.

Placating the few in the province because of the inconvenience of having to wear material on our faces is not in the best interests of the community.

So, why is it when the doctors that most of us turn to when we're sick or confused about our bodies are being ignored in a situation that concerns their workplace and our place of care. It is one thing to lift health measures such as mask wearing or proof of vaccination in public and private places where people can decide to go there

or not, but in the health care setting there are people who cannot such as the sick, and vulnerable. Go to a sporting event. Go to a concert and decide if you want to mask for your own safety and others. A provincial order also carries the force of law. After the three-week occupation in Ottawa, we've seen how even the law has little bearing on a segment of the population when enforcement doesn't follow. Without the mask mandate now, where does that leave hospitals, who have asked visitors and staff to continue to wear masks, as far as enforcement?

Health care professionals have already endured so much, whether it's been from the stress of getting overworked because there isn't enough support with the lack of staff, or having to tolerate poor public behaviour and, simply, facing the constant risk of contracting COVID-19. We all know the difficulty with getting doctors up here to live and work, so why risk the health of the ones that have committed to serving this community. Let's remember as much as we need each other to make this community work doctors can choose to leave not just this community, but this province and I wouldn't blame them with how provincial decisions related to healthcare have been made and look to be in the future, which contrasts with what has repeatedly been asked – listen to the people who know instead of the ones that think they do. The election is over so there isn't an opportunity to select government now. However, we can make decision to help or possibly add to the challenge for health care workers. Let's not whine about wearing masks for healthcare and for each other. We're in this together until we're not and then where are we?



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Editorial



In the light

by Darren Lum

No rush

THE RAIN had finally stopped and just in time. Jim had been looking forward to this get-together with his cousin and now they would be able to sit outside. Mist hung above the surface of the lake like a fine silk veil. The sun was on the verge of returning, but for now it was only a glow that would soon take over the scene. Blue jays challenged from the pine trees that circled the cottage like silent guardians.

Jim loved this place. It had been in the family for almost a hundred years. Will, Jim's cousin, now had one of the cottages in the family compound and it was Jim's favourite. Over the years it had been repaired, refurbished and enlarged to suit the changing needs of a changing family. Now comfortable and spacious, it bore little resemblance to the cabin it had been initially.

Cottagers in the 1930s and 1940s had to have been a hearty bunch, Jim thought. Will had the stories about those early days and Jim never tired of hearing them. With an interest in family history, Will had managed to pull together information about the conditions and exploits of great aunts and uncles as they wrestled with forest and critters back then. Few conveniences made it challenging at times, but there were also fewer distractions. Cottage life was simpler, more grounded in daily living on basic, uncomplicated priorities. This appealed to Jim. Food and shelter were the main concerns, as opposed to cell phone service, the cost of fuel and what time the beer store closed.

The two men sat on Will's dock, gazing out over the lake. Unlike Jim's memories of his childhood cottage days, there were now no boats skimming the water. Soft ripples nudged the surface where once waves might have rocked it. Jim and Will grew up at a time when high-powered vessels seemed to rule the lake. Back then, skiers and pleasure-seekers took over from the early-morning fishermen. But not now.

Will no longer had a boat. He said with the cost and hassle of storage, upkeep and fuel, it just didn't appeal to him. Instead he preferred to paddle his canoe, following the shoreline and enjoying the quiet. He noted he was not alone, that his lakefront neighbours were also less interested in speeding over the water than in the past.

It was at this point Will recalled learning how their great-aunts had gone about replenishing supplies. When basic items needed replacing, the two ladies rowed the full length of the large lake to the far end. They then walked a couple of miles to a small general store located in the nearby hamlet, carrying their purchases to the boat and rowing back to the cabin.

Such an expedition must have taken the better part of a day, Jim said, and Will agreed. Of course this story raised questions in the minds of both men: Why did the great-aunts need to travel by boat when at the cottage? What had happened to their transportation, as they had to have had

a way to travel to the cabin from the city? Few women drove in the 1930s and 1940s, Will observed, so women in the woods were perhaps more dependent on others for transportation. But lack of wheels didn't seem to slow those two down much.

Jim thought about what cottage life must have been like for them. He knew the great-aunts swam and fished. He had seen the old fashioned bathing suits hanging on a peg when he was still a youngster. And great-aunt Mary had loved pan-fried bass for breakfast. Perhaps at night they sat around a bonfire and planned their next day. Berry picking for a pie or another trip down the lake. And then there was the famous hammock that hung between two huge pines. After a long journey to replenish supplies, what better way to rest than reclining there as the wind murmured overhead.

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points of view

Whitewashing the truth

The other day I was on a lawn minding my own business, showing a couple of folks what I know about fly casting, when I heard the quick wingbeats of a bird flying overhead.

I was just thinking how lovely and idyllic the morning was, when I heard a noise overhead and then a split second later, felt a splat as it hit my right arm.

Let's just say I picked the wrong day to be wearing a dark shirt.

In case, I need to spell it out, a bird had – how do I say this politely? – lightened its load.

The person who I was talking to took it all in stride by smiling quietly and even giggling a bit. That's the thing about bird poop. It invariably brings a smile to anyone it didn't hit.

I can attest, however, that this is not the same for the person standing at ground zero.

I looked at her, found a leaf to wipe it off with, shrugged and said, "I guess it could have been worse."

And I was not lying. The culprit could have been an eagle, turkey vulture or even a person trying out hang gliding for the first time. I mean as airborne poop goes, I didn't do too badly.

I mentioned this to my friend who is a falconer and a bit of a bird nerd later that day. I figured if anyone can relate to getting bird poop on the arm, he's the guy. I figured he might have a story that would make mine pale in comparison. Or at least have something philosophical to say about the experience.

And, being my best buddy, he

did not disappoint me.

"You know," he began, "technically the bird did not poop on you at all."

"Really?" I said.

"Oh, no," he replied. "There's much more to it than that. Bird droppings, you see, are a clever cocktail of urine and fecal matter all delivered in one handy and efficient package."

"Thanks," I said.

"No problem," he replied.

Then he said the thing that everyone seems to say at times like this. He said, "The interesting thing is a lot of people believe that when a bird craps on you, it is good luck."

As someone who has had more than my fair share of this experience, I'd like to disagree. I have been dumped on by pigeons, gulls, chickens, ducks and now a grackle, and to this day, I'm still waiting for my lucky streak to begin.

I suspect the idea that you are lucky to have a bird poop on you has its origins millions of years ago at the time when Pterodactyls ruled the skies.

The initial conversation probably went something like this:

"Hey, what's that white stuff on your head?" Caveman One asks.

"Oh bird poop," Caveman Two replies.

"You're lucky," Caveman One says.

"How is this in any way lucky?" asks Caveman Two.

"Well, Krog just got pooped on by a pterodactyl." Caveman One replies.

"Is he OK?" Caveman Two asks.

"Not sure," Caveman One says. "They're still trying to dig him out."

Put that way it was kind of lucky. But now that pterodactyls no longer rule the sky, I think there are better ways to define luck. For instance, by not being the guy the bird poops on.

All I can say is, hopefully, it won't happen again. If I'm lucky...



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Loon Tales



pic of the past

A view of the crowd from Highland Street that came to the unveiling of the cenotaph in Haliburton taken possibly during the 1920s. Submitted by Haliburton Highlands Museum curator, Steve Hill

letters to the editor

Appreciated the acts of kindness

To the Editor,

On May 26, while walking along the Head Lake pathway with our two malamutes, our puppy Lucy was attacked and injured by a large black dog that was released from its leash by its owner. My husband was knocked down while trying to keep Lucy safe from this dog that continued to attack Lucy and wanted to kill her! It was very scary and I felt so helpless because I was holding our senior dog Bear. It all happened so fast! While we were calling the vet, a mother and daughter that witnessed the attack came down over the hill

to see if we were okay. We greatly appreciated the gesture, as they were visibly shaken as well. There was another gentleman that saw us and drove down into the parking area while I was carrying Lucy, and asked if we were okay or needed help. I do not know anyone's names, but we just want to acknowledge these people for their acts of kindness and to let them know that it was greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Susanne and Greg Reesor
Haliburton

Thank you Haliburton

To the Editor,

We did it! The Lions Classic raised \$2,500 to donate to the Haliburton County Public Library for the purchase of early education program materials. But, no, that's not right. It's not "we did it." It's YOU DID IT!

You, the business owners who so generously donated silent and loonie auction items. Thank you! Look for your name on our website. It's a long list. Our attendees were in awe of your donations, and so were we!

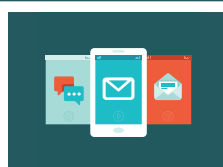
You, the performers who so generously donated your time and talents. Thank you to Jeff Barry and Friends, Jerelyn and the Invisible Boy

Band, Albert John Saxby and Jeff Moulton, and Paul O'Neil.

You, the people of Haliburton, (also known as the best little town in Canada). You came out and we could see you were having fun. You told us that it was great. "It was my first time participating in a loonie auction. I had so much fun." "It was fun to get out and enjoy the first Classic." And you bid, boy, did you bid, in the loonie and silent auctions. Thank you to you all.

Gail Stelter, event coordinator
Haliburton and District Lions Club

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Saying goodbye and hello after 32 years of service to God

Brian Plouffe is retiring, but is staying in the community

DARREN LUM

Editor

There is a saying that you don't really know a person unless you've walked a mile in another man's shoes.

When people think of pastor Brian Plouffe's 32 year career and where he came from and what he endured to gain a perspective that enables him to empathize with those who have struggled with the challenges of life this rings true.

Before he found God at 22, Plouffe was lost and was struggling. He acknowledges how his faith saved him from what killed his mother at 39, alcohol addiction.

It's all about living up to what he and his wife, Dianne, who have been married for 42 years said is a "calling"

"I remember saying in my heart to God that I want to be fully committed to the community that you're calling me to for as long as you want me to stay. I, truly, in my heart thought after five years that would be great because a lot of pastors last two years and go to another church or have in the past" he said, reflecting on his impending retirement.

With his late-daughter Laura, or known affectionately as "Buddy," who had down syndrome moving wasn't the ideal because she didn't fare well with change.

"We knew to move from one church to another would be so hard on her as well as our two other daughters," he said. "So, my prayer was it would be nice if the calling we're getting would be for five years. Well, lo and behold, God had much better plans than that," he said, referring to his more than three decade career here.

His training, he said, was actually to be a youth pastor and not a senior pastor, but he grew into his role and anyone who has heard him speak at service knows he didn't need it.

"And, yet, I have a heart for God and a heart for people. I love people," he said.

Buddy died in December 2020 and will always be with him. She is one of three daughters Brian raised with Dianne here. His other two daughters are Leanne Young and Lindsay Daou, who have provided four grandchildren. God, he said, ensured this life of value and reward was realized. He doesn't think he would have ever reached the age of 67 without Him.

Brian's career included 22 years as a fulltime pastor at Lakeside Baptist Church. Initially, he thought when his time ended with Lakeside that it would be the end of his time in the Highlands. He sent applications to churches in places such as Sarnia, and Three Sisters, Manitoba, which is 300 miles north of Winnipeg.

"I'm glad that didn't work out," he said, laughing.

Divine intervention came to be with another opportunity with West Guilford Baptist Church that was best for everyone.

His daughter "Buddy" was living in Haliburton at the Community Living home, so staying within a short drive was the ideal. Dick Henderson, who was on the deacon's board gave Brian a call about an opportunity for Sunday preaching to a small congregation of 12 people. It was intended to be short term.

"So, I thought about it. I prayed about it. Talked to Dianne. Yeah, we can do that. I kept looking. Lo and behold, this church started to grow and when they got to about 30 people, I'd been here about six months or so. They took a step of faith and said, would you come on," he said.

With 300 in the congregation of Lakeside when he left, the salary was far greater. Everyone agreed to try it out for a



West Guilford Baptist Church pastor Brian Plouffe is retiring after a 32 year career. He will give his last service on June 19, which will be followed by a baptism of the co-pastors, who will take over and then a gathering for Plouffe will be held at the West Guilford Community Centre. /DARREN LUM Staff

year and Brian said the church needed to grow 20 per cent, so he could have a livable wage.

"The first year it grew to about 50 and before COVID we were at 70. We were doing pretty well for a country church. We only hold 110 people and then COVID hit. The last two years have been the hardest two years of ministry for any pastor," he said.

This was owed to the difficulties with the imposed provincial health measures, which left pastors preaching over the internet or on the phone. The current congregation at the Baptist Church is at about 40 members now.

Long-time friend Harry Morgan, who is pastor of the Haliburton United Church said Brian is a "true pastor" and a "natural evangelist" and is a big friendly guy that loves to hug everyone.

Originally from Minden, Harry was ready to speak about his friend of 30 years on the initial day scheduled, but will not be able to make it since the retirement event was rescheduled due to a planned power outage.

Harry met Brian when his friend was the full time pastor at Lakeside Baptist Church.

He said their friendship grew from regular interactions at meetings for the Haliburton Ministerial Association. Morgan said the cross-denominational interaction is atypical and he said it's pretty much owed to Brian.

"We've been blessed to have that. That's why we have the summer service in the park and stuff," he said.

Brian is excited for his church's future,

with how ideal his replacements will be for his congregation.

"I'm very excited that they have a new pastor and family here to begin and I can actually pass the baton on to them, knowing that they're going to be in good hands, especially a little church like us to get a young man [Shawn Turner] and who's only 44 and his wife, [Amy] is less than that and come with four kids ... We're a small country church, mostly older folks, but this will give an opportunity for the church to grow, families wise," he said.

The co-pastors will each work half time in the week. She will be doing children's ministry, music and visitation while her husband will be doing administration, sermons, visitation and bible studies, Brian said. Although this is the unique for this area it is typical for larger centres.

He said he knew Amy when she was 15, meeting at the Joy Bible Camp and then met Shawn, who grew up in the Highlands. His parents have since moved away, but his brother owns the Peppermill Restaurant. He said the new co-pastor has been in the military for 20 years and retired as a chaplain, who served overseas.

Two years ago, when Brian thought his retirement was nearing he alerted the church about his long-term intentions. Following the early notice, he met Shawn at a men's retreat. During the conversation, he talked to him about the opportunity. The soon-to-be co-pastor expressed interest to return home because he wanted to be closer to his brothers and sisters, who all live in the area and how his own military service was drawing to a

close at the end of May.

"We both looked at each other and I said, 'Pray about whether or not you'd like me to submit your name.' They did. And I guess the condition was they thought the best perfect condition would be better to be co-pastors. So, I passed that on to the selection team - that's what they call it. And they went with it. I didn't have any other inputs. They interviewed other people. Lo and behold. They were the ones they selected and they bought a home here, sold their old one in Ottawa," he said.

The usual practice of past pastors moving out of the community is not being observed in this instance, which is good for Brian and his family, who have grown to love the community and the people.

"My wife cried because she is very close to the people that are in our church. They're like family," Brian said.

The Plouffe's will take the summer to enable the new co-pastors to lead the congregation without their presence. Brian said with diabetes and getting older leading a church 40 plus hours a week was just not possible anymore.

"This is great. He's full of energy. He's a runner. He's in great shape. You'd think he is 33 not 44 to look at him. He can run with the crowd and he can run with the young people," said, referring to Shawn.

Brian references the bible about how he lives his life. "Gospel is another name for good news and the good news is that God loves us and sent His son to die for us so I'm a John 3:16 preacher, you know. For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son that whoever believes in Him will not perish, but have everlasting life," he said. "So, my ministry has been the simple message not deep theological stuff, not the Greek, not the Latin. Remember that things sometimes preachers can get caught up in their own education and my prayer for John is that you won't get caught up with that he has it all, but I know him well enough. When I said I know, he knows that the people up here are salt of the earth down to earth people."

He's still taken aback by the divine intervention, which enabled him to give back.

"And God has blown me out of the water. Not only did I stay 32 years, but the church at Lakeside blew up in a good way and it grew and they had to build a new building and God allowed me to be there when that done. Paid off within five years, unheard of in many ways. The goodness of God there," he said.

He recounts doing more than 365 funerals, more than 350 baptisms, "lake baptisms" or what he said are "believer baptisms."

For those that appreciate and love Brian, his last day at the West Guilford Baptist Church located on Nila Road is on Sunday, June 19. The church service will start at 10:30 a.m., then the new pastoral couple will be baptized by Brian after the service close to 11:30 a.m. in Pine Lake. Once the couple are baptized they will baptize their four children.

"I've never heard of it," he said. "Never heard of it happening [in my 32 years]. So, it's going to be very exciting."

A picnic lunch (with people bringing their own food) will follow at noon and then reflections and cake at 1 p.m. at the West Guilford Community Centre, located at 1061 Kennisis Lake Road. For more information telephone 705-854-2275.

Brian isn't completely sure what he'll do in retirement, but said he is working on a memoir on the "faithfulness of God," calling it Forever Faithful "because he has been faithful to us."



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Choral raises spirits, funds

The Highlands Harmony Choir's director Laurel McCauley leads her 35 singers during the Concert for Ukraine on Friday, June 10 at Abbey Gardens. The show drew a captivated crowd, who heard the choir sing songs such as *Circle of the Sun* by Serena Ryder, *Slippin' Through the Cracks* by Bill Candy and Susan Aglukark, *It Doesn't Matter Anymore* by Paul Anka and *Hallelujah* by Leonard Cohen. There were several songs when the dancers performed in front of the choir. /DARREN LUM Staff



The Highlands Harmony Choir's director Laurel McCauley leads her 35 singers in a warmup before the Concert for Ukraine on Friday, June 10 at Abbey Gardens.



With the Highlands Harmony Choir's 35 singers looking on, Heritage Ballet dancers perform at the Concert for Ukraine on Friday, June 10 at Abbey Gardens.



The 1955-1956 Minden Monarchs were Ontario Intermediate C Ontario Hockey Association finalists. Back row, Garnet Lytle, manager, Mark Vasey, Hugh Vasey, Norm Whitney, Max Richardson, Aubrey Percival, Larry Loughheed, Gary Vasey, inset, Staff Yearwood. Front row, Harold Morgan, Claude Brown, Marcel Prier, Gerry Gartlan, Eston Watt, Bob Beeney, Lawrence Yearwood, Bill Walker. /Submitted by Roger Dart

Last Monarch returns home for induction honour

DARREN LUM

Editor

Bob Beeney can't imagine the life he has led without the Highlands.

The 90-year-old is the lone survivor of the Minden Monarchs hockey team from the late-1950s. He is proud about his life here, which started as a child cottaging with his family, who bought property in Miner's Bay in 1938.

He didn't just serve as the goalie, which was the backbone of the Monarchs' defence, but built a legacy connected to the community's foundation from the second half of the last century.

It was his athletic engagement as a softball player and then goalie for four years with the Minden Monarchs that laid the base for him to become one of the pillars of the community where he not only raised a family and spent a career selling mortgages, but also dedicated himself politically as a former mayor of Lutterworth, serving on various committees to start the seniors' home, Hyland Crest and helped to establish the network of roads in the area, and was even part of a group that started the *Minden Progress* newspaper (later the *Minden Times*).

He was originally from Toronto. But his life was here. He married and raised three children, who all graduated from Archie Stouffer Elementary School and then from Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

Beeney, who is currently living in Amherstview, a small community outside Kingston, still calls the Highlands home. He still owns 20 acres off of Beeney Trail, and has a home on Gull Lake, which he's been unable to return to for several months due to recovery from medical treatments.

The Minden Monarchs of the late-1950s are going to be ceremoniously inducted into the Haliburton Highlands Hall of Fame on June 18. The team joins the 1934 Haliburton Huskies and the 1971 Haliburton Huskies in the Hall of Fame's team category. During much of the late-1950s, the Minden Monarchs Intermediate "C" team was a perennial hockey power house finishing as the Eastern Ontario Champions and

the Ontario Intermediate "C" Finalists in 1956, 1957 and 1958.

Beeney is proud of the team and its place in history. He welcomes the induction and said his teammates would be overwhelmed and honoured by the recognition.

"Going in is remarkable. I think [inaudible] the people that have developed this hall of fame is a long time coming and there's a lot of recognition that should go towards the people that really made it big in hockey, but to also other people in the community. Haliburton County is a vibrant community. It was a provisional county at one time. It seemed to graduate from that. We got our senior citizens home. We got a lot of things. A lot of politicians, old time politicians got together and made a great county. I think people should not only recognize the hall of fame for athletes, but a hall of fame for a lot of citizens that helped develop the county," he said.

When Beeney has seen the old team photos, he can remember all his teammates.

"I can remember all their names. I can remember all the guys and how they were. We were a Minden team, but we had people who weren't from Minden on the team. It was just a remarkable bunch of guys that went further than anybody thought we'd ever go," he said.

The team's post-season runs, he said, were impressive considering the competition who came from much larger centres such as Napanee.

"We seemed to just gel at the right time," he said.

The Monarchs were the main draw for a loyal fan base that included several hundred people on any given night. At one regular season game in 1956, there were 815 people, who came to the Minden Community Centre where the former fire hall was across from the township office to see the Monarchs edge out the Bobcaygeon Bobcats 9-8 in a shootout. This kind of support was common, as fans from Minden and the surrounding area gathered every Saturday night for more than entertainment. It was an evening to come together and bask in the warmth and life of the community during the dead of winter. The fandom included a regular parade of vehicles that travelled south to opposing teams' arenas, which was so prolific that it was a major contributor to funding the construction of future arenas.

Beeney remembers the camaraderie of the Monarchs.

"Great guys. Really terrific teammates to play with. We had a great following of people on Friday night or Saturday night, whenever we're having a home game. The old natural ice arena was filled with people. It was great they cheered and supported. After we won our division and went on further we had great support out of Bobcaygeon actually. I remember Bobcaygeon was great," he said.

He adds the support included people from Haliburton.

When he was at his best he shared the goaltending duties with Gerry Gartlan, who worked at hydro and was brought in specifically to play for the Monarchs. He said they were equal in terms of skills early on, but at the end of his time he wasn't starting.

Beeney said he actually played a few games for the Huskies, which included an instance when he had his nose broken during an era when it was common for goalies to not wear masks.

"I broke my nose a couple of different times and lost a bunch of teeth. The masks were just starting to come out, but they weren't a good [mask to see out of]. They steamed up, so I never wore one. In fact, one game I played with the Haliburton Huskies I had my nose broken by a puck," he said, referring to a shot puck.

Playing goal was a natural fit for Beeney though.

"I just loved the spot. Maybe I wasn't the greatest skater at the time. That's how you get stuck in goal maybe. I learned to handle myself pretty well," he said.

After a period of recovering from medical treatments, he hasn't been back to the area for the past several months, but expects to come to the induction ceremony open to the public at 2 p.m. at the A.J. LaRue Arena on Saturday, June 18 in Haliburton with his wife, Barbara Butler, who have been married for 11 years and together for close to 30 years.

Home is where the heart is and Haliburton County has been that for Beeney despite moving away.

"There's a real home feeling in Haliburton County. Always has been and always will be," he said.

He can't imagine another life without the Highlands.

"Being able to live in Haliburton, be part of an athletic team for softball and hockey, my kids growing up there in sports and people going out of their way to help, I think I would have missed a lot during my life," he said.

Village views of art

Artist Michelle Cieloszczyk works on the installation of her creation Carapace Pillar a day before the tour of six sculptures for the Downtown Haliburton Sculpture Exhibition on Wednesday, June 8 on Highland Street in Haliburton. The exhibition is a collaboration between the Haliburton Village BIA and the Haliburton Sculpture Forest. The sculpture is sponsored by the CottageCareRentals.com and Dysart et al's cultural resources committee and is located at Highland Street and York Street. The exhibition, which is made possible by funding from the BIA and the Haliburton County Development Corporation, including sponsorships from businesses and organizations such as O'Mara Group (lead sponsor), will be on display until Oct. 27. /DARREN LUM Staff



Arist Szonja, far right, finishes explaining her process for her work A Flower during the tour of six sculptures. The statue is sponsored by Canoe FM and is located outside Rexall (at Highland Street and Maple Avenue).



With artist Donna Mayne of Windsor at back, the statue Brenna has droplets of water from the light rain during the tour of six sculptures for the Downtown Haliburton Sculpture Exhibition on Thursday, June 9. The statue is sponsored by Emmerson Lumber and is outside the Glecoff's Family Store.



Artist Carolanne MacLean explains the process she took to create her piece Double Take. Her sculpture is sponsored by the Corner Gallery and is outside the Bank of Montreal.

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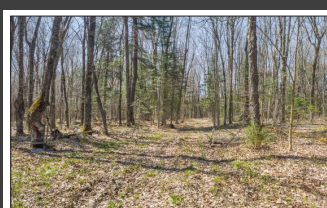
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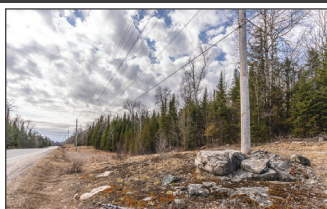
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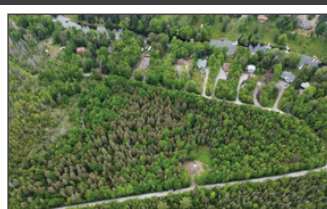
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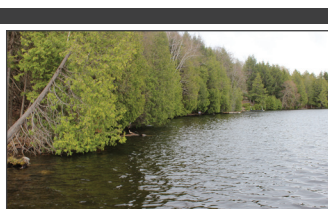
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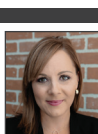
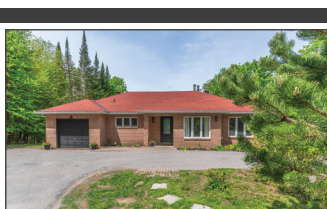
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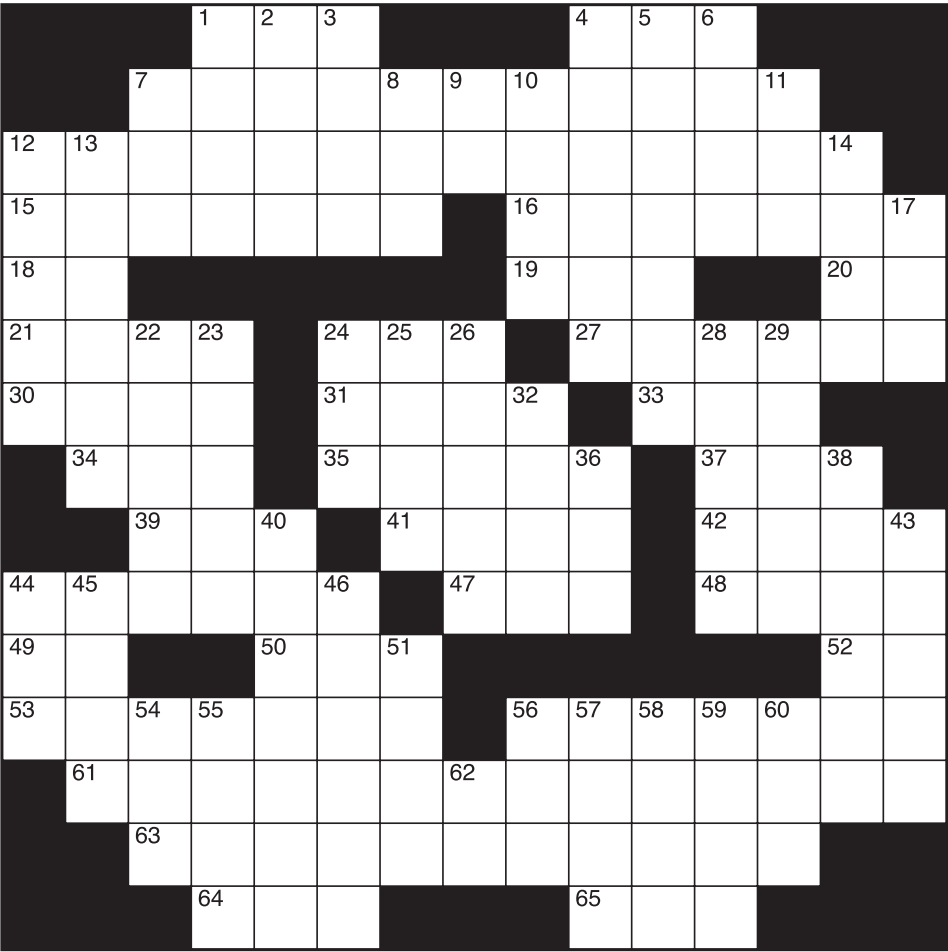
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- CLUES ACROSS

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 - 16. Indigestion fixer
 - 18. Special therapy
 - 19. Mock
 - 20. Partner to Pa
 - 21. Strays
 - 24. Swedish currency (abbr.)
 - 27. Desired
 - 30. Soap product
 - 31. Traditional fishing boat
 - 33. No (Scottish)
 - 34. Spy organization
 - 35. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
 - 37. Married woman
 - 39. Blood relation
 - 41. German river
 - 42. Genus of clams
 - 44. Parts of a movie
 - 47. Residue
 - 48. Ethnic group of Laos and Thailand
 - 49. Atomic #77
 - 50. Where wrestlers work
 - 52. Northeast
 - 53. Type of lettuce
 - 56. Abstain
 - 61. Communication between two
 - 63. One who administers medicine
 - 64. Sun up in New York
 - 65. Having eight
- 4. About backbone
 - 5. Type of weapon
 - 6. __ Turner, rock singer
 - 7. Microgram
 - 8. Hair product
 - 9. Health care pro
 - 10. Holy fire
 - 11. Military ID (abbr.)
 - 12. __ the ante
 - 13. Containing nitrogen
 - 14. Green citrus fruit
 - 17. Male parent
 - 22. Bring up
 - 23. Murdered
 - 24. Soviet Socialist Republic
 - 25. Supreme ruler Genghis
 - 26. Social media hand gesture
 - 28. Semitic Sun god
 - 29. Land
 - 32. Database management system
 - 36. Similar
 - 38. Nice to look at
 - 40. Covered with mud
 - 43. Simple dry fruit
 - 44. Title of respect
 - 45. Type of footwear
 - 46. Most lucid
 - 51. Exam
 - 54. Extinct flightless bird of New Zealand
 - 55. "Rule, Britannia" composer
 - 56. Small Eurasian deer
 - 57. "Within"
 - 58. Insures bank's depositors
 - 59. A pause for relaxation
 - 60. Social insect
 - 62. Expresses acidity
- CLUES DOWN

 - 1. He played "Milton"
 - 2. Elsa's sister
 - 3. Digital wallet
- Answers on page 16



Green thumb showcase
The Haliburton County Master Gardeners Annual Plant Sale was held at Head Lake Park in Haliburton on Saturday, May 28. The sale featured both native and non-native plants and 140 varieties in total. The sale was made possible by 14 Master Gardeners and five volunteers. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



The sale featured both native and non-native plants and 140 varieties in total. The sale was made possible by 14 Master Gardeners and five volunteers, who put emphasis on the importance of planting native species in your garden to support native wildlife.

“Sustainable waterfront planning through reconciliation”

An online workshop coming up to discuss municipal-Indigenous relationships and freshwater protection

Join us for a free online webinar, collaborative and interactive workshop, Sustainable Waterfront Planning Through Reconciliation on Thursday June 16 starting at 1 p.m. and ending at 2:30 p.m. EST.

Our survey of nearly 70 municipal councillors and planners across Ontario found that most municipalities are satisfied with their level of consultations with the public. But when asked about their relationships with local Indigenous peoples, it is often met by silence.

“As the push for development continues, there is an urgency for people to reconnect to that in which sustains us All, the Lands, the Waters and all that they encompass, putting particular attention on the importance of protecting and preserving our waters which is foundational for all living things survival. To do this, we must first take a look at our histories, learn the truths and reflect on the events that have caused the current disconnect between the human and non-human beings and allow ourselves to connect to our emotions. Having an understanding of our connection to the world and our responsibilities to the next seven generations is imperative and, if we do not allow ourselves to emotionally connect with that in which sustains us as we plan

for our future, are we doing our kids, grandkids, great grandkids, great-great grandkids ... justice?” Kerry Ann Charles said.

This webinar will be co-hosted by Charles and Abraham Francis who will each present their experiences and perspectives on land use decision-making around waterfront areas. They will also facilitate open discussions with the audience on barriers to meaningful consultation and relationship building between municipal staff and Indigenous peoples. Come learn and reflect on ways your municipality can improve decision-making and consultation efforts with local Indigenous groups to better protect the health and enjoyment of our local freshwater.

Free registration for this event is at www.eventbrite.ca/e/sustainable-waterfront-planning-through-reconciliation-tickets-311238963117.

This workshop is brought to you by Watersheds Canada, Mohawk Council of Akwesasne, Cambium Indigenous Professional Services, and The Land Between.

Submitted



Idling is not just wasting gas, but contributes to climate change. Photo by Andrew Von Zuben, Highlands East Environment Committee member.

Tip of the week

Today, you have no reason to idle your car except when you are waiting at a stoplight or stuck in traffic. In addition to wasting gas, idling your engine results in greenhouse gases that worsen climate change. Car exhaust contains nitrogen oxides, volatile organic compounds, particulate matter, carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide. These pollutants have been linked to serious human illnesses including asthma, heart disease, chronic bronchitis, and cancer. Idling also causes wear and tear on your engine components, including cylinders, spark plugs, and exhaust systems. Please don't idle your vehicle for the sake of our health, our environment and our climate.

*Submitted by Susan Hay,
Highlands East Environment Committee*



Refreshing downtown

David Zilstra, vice-president of the Haliburton Village BIA, waters flowers planted by BIA volunteers along the Maple Avenue bridge in Haliburton Village. “A vibrant BIA depends on passionate members, volunteers, and visitors, and we hope this summer is one of our best yet,” read a Haliburton Village BIA Facebook post. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

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Welcome summer and new businesses

WITHOUT A doubt everyone is happy when the sun is shining. With winter being a distant memory and the arrival of summer just a week away, you can see an extra bounce in people's steps and notice their smiles shine just a little bit brighter.

Yes, the seasons have officially changed and we are now experiencing an extra bustle on the streets, lineups at the Farmers' Market and Canada Day gear lining the store shelves.

The Haliburton Village BIA is looking forward to the return of a more normal summer, which includes new businesses on our main street, familiar events making a comeback and much more.

Perhaps you've noticed one of the sure signs that summer is coming, the instalment of the beautiful downtown banners along Highland Street, Maple Avenue and York Street. The banners are a BIA project in conjunction with the municipality of Dysart et al. and

a number of local not-for-profit organizations. This year the banners once again have local artwork on display, created by a talented group of individuals who call the Highlands their home.

You may have also noticed the return of our popular downtown street patios, outside a few eateries. And of course the beautiful bridge flowers and hanging flower baskets are back and were hung with great care by a dedicated group of volunteers.

After a few tumultuous years for retail brought on by the pandemic, it's heart-warming to see a number of new businesses open their doors on the main street.

Have you had a chance to check out Tipples North on Highland Street? Here you will find an amazing shop with gelato, cocktails and more with a laid back and retro vibe! And down the street is Haliburton Liquidation, a great location for bargains and something for everyone in your family! With clothes, appliances and more, it's a stop

you won't want to miss. Other changes on the main street include an expansion at Castle Antiques and the welcome addition of ACM Designs to the downtown, relocating from their previous home on County Road 21 to 7 Dysart Avenue.

However with every new chapter there is also one that closes and after many, many years on our main street it is with sadness we say goodbye to Cindy's clothing store. The ladies fashion boutique was a mainstay on Highland Street for a long time and we wish the owners well as they head into retirement and enjoy the next phase of their life.

Last, but not least, the BIA is excited to announce the return of the popular summer event Midnight Madness! Set to take place on July 29 in partnership with the *Haliburton County Echo*, the downtown street party will see tradition return with sidewalk sales, live entertainment, food and refreshments and much more. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more information as the date approaches.

Until then we hope you have a happy and safe Canada Day and great start to your summer!



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The Village

Savouring uplifting spirit of family visit

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Eleanor Cooper
754-2278

Happiness is a call from son, George on Friday night after the Concert for Ukraine, featuring the Highlands Harmony Choir (with guest appearance by the Heritage Ballet studio dancers) at Abbey Gardens on Friday, June 10 saying, "We're at Dwight. See you within an hour!" It came true and here they are, George and Shireen full of news of their trip from Kamploops early in the week one encompassing the Canadian Mining Expo in Timmins from June 8 to 9 when he dove to North Bay where his wife had driven from Markham. Then a burst of

brightness half an hour later and Beth came in the door expected, but much sooner than I'd thought possible. Great catching up on brother and sister news of what COVID had been like on the recovery therefrom.

Now to more earthy matters: fertilizer has been encouraging the faltering growth this year's rhubarb. Asparagus has sprouted in the smaller patch near the other house. Promise of marigolds has been offered for my own flower bed and tomato plants will again be planted in my raised bed. Irises have thrust up in profusion despite the huge growth of weeding that needs to be accomplished and the bleeding heart flourishes despite my neglect.

As to our ailing ones: Jim Milne has recovered from his major heart surgery of several months ago. Wayne Cooper is on the mend from 79 days in Ross Memorial Hospital in Lindsay following surgery and rehabilitation

of his broken leg. Two resourceful yard sales happened on June 11, one at the now closed Maple Lake United Church, the other at Bill Gliddon's Haliburton home on his front lawn for St. George's Anglican Church.

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REQUEST FOR TENDER
CONSTRUCTION OF SKI CLUB/GARAGE AT GLEBE PARK

The Municipality of Dysart et al is requesting tenders for the construction of a ski club/garage located at Glebe Park. Tenders must be received on or before 12:00 p.m. EST on Monday, June 27, 2022.

Specifications and Tender Forms can be obtained at the Dysart Municipal Office, 135 Maple Avenue, Haliburton, ON or online at <https://www.dysartet.al.ca/en/municipal-government/bids-and-tenders.aspx>



Notice of Naming of all Public/Private Roads

Take notice that pursuant to the Municipal Act 2001, c.25, as amended, the Dysart et al Council, at their regular meeting to be held on June 28, 2022 will be considering a by-law to name all public and private roads, as required, to accommodate the following road additions:

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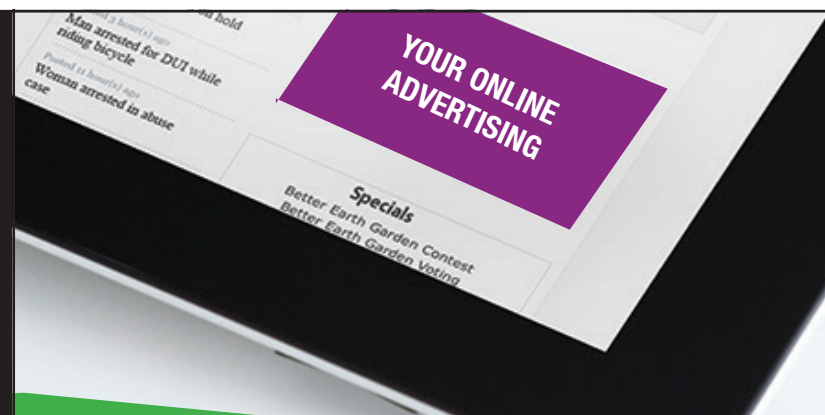
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Barbara "Barb" Dawson (nee Troughton)
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Passed away peacefully on Wednesday, March 30, 2022, at her home in Haliburton surrounded by her loving family. She was 83 years old. Beloved wife of the late Gerry Dawson (2013). Loved mother of Stephen Dawson (Michelle) and Jeffrey Dawson (Virginia). Adoring grandma of Haley, Jeremy, Reid, Victoria, and Rachel, and dear sister of Thomas Troughton of Kingston. Barb will be missed by many nieces and nephews. Her caring ways, warm smile and thoughtful counsel made her a touchstone for many in Haliburton and her extended community.


Barb was raised in Toronto by her mother after her father was killed in action in Italy in 1944. A graduate of the Toronto General Hospital School of Nursing, Barb had a brief nursing career as a RN before starting her family and supporting Gerry in his accounting practice. Her independent side and willingness to serve led to many volunteer experiences. Barb sat on the Board of Directors for the Haliburton Red Cross Hospital, twice served as President of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, was the Secretary of the Haliburton Red Cross Hospital building committee, President of the Haliburton branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society and sat for 7 years on the Board of Trustees for St Joseph's General Hospital in Peterborough. Her passion for health care continued as Chair of the Ad Hoc Planning Committee for long term care beds in Haliburton, Chair of the PR Committee for St Joseph's General Hospital and Chair of the Fundraising Committee for the Haliburton Hospital Expansion. Within Haliburton County, Barb served on the Directional Plan Steering Committee, Planning and Development Committee, the Health Services Board, the Hospital Auxiliary and the Board of Directors for the Guild of Fine Arts. She was recognized as Highlander of the Year in 1991.


Her natural curiosity gave her a love of travel which she truly enjoyed whether on the back roads of Haliburton or an Antarctic cruise. Her interest in current events and politics led to many spirited conversations. Over the years, many friendships were established through St. George's Anglican Church, curling, skiing, squash, traveling, the Anonymous Book Club, Roving Lunch Club, knitting club, bridge, the Easy Rider Cyclists, Friendship Force, East York Collegiate reunions, and square dancing. Always a class act, her fun-loving disposition and welcoming personality will be missed by many.

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Barbara O'Reilly (nee Anthony)
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Private Graveside Service

A Private Graveside Service will be held at St. Anthony of Padua Roman Catholic Cemetery. Arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy #118 Haliburton, Ontario 705-457-9209. As an expression of sympathy, donations to the Alzheimer Society and The Kidney Foundation would be appreciated by the family.

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Jonathan Victor Vanstone
Born June 6, 1959 in Durban, South Africa, Died June 3, 2022 in Toronto, Ontario Canada.

Jon is survived by his wife of 24 years, Nancy (née Verza), his siblings, Brenda (Marc Sabourin), Roderick (Birgitt) and Kirsten (Michael Boadway), nephews and nieces, Nicholas (Kayla Favaro), Kayla (Tim Spence) and Michael Vanstone, Christian and Arielle Sabourin, Peter and Julia Boadway, his uncle, cousins and friends. He is predeceased by his parents James Ray Vanstone and Ann Laurel Vanstone (née Hutt).

Jon grew up in Toronto and lived for a short time in Australia as a child. He was a Junior Ranger and travelled across Canada on family road trips and with Katimavik. These experiences were the source of stories, a love of cherry pie and sharp Euchre skills. Jon loved driving his many beloved cars to places like Florida, Haliburton or Cherry Beach. He enjoyed his work driving shuttles with Mulmer Services (MSL), who became like a second family to him. With an ability to quietly listen, tell stories and just be there for people, Jon made many loyal, life-long friends.

Over the last three years, Jon fought colon cancer with a tenacity familiar to anyone who had experienced his stubborn streak. He will be dearly missed. Rest well, Jon.

Please consider remembering Jon with a donation to the Royal Canadian Legion or to a charity of your choice.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date. A visitation was held Thursday June 9 from 3-5 p.m. at the Morley Bedford Funeral Home, 159 Eglinton Ave. W. (2 stop lights west of Yonge St.), Toronto.

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Kushog spraying to start this week

by ANNE HEWITT
Staff Reporter

Spraying for tent caterpillars on Kushog Lake will begin this week, says Marie Thomson of the Environment Committee for the Kushog Lake Property Owner's Association.

Members of the association met with a representative from AgricAir, the King City based company that will be doing the spraying, last weekend to finalize the details. The group went over a revised list of those who wanted their property sprayed, and then completed a map for the pilot.

Forms were mailed out to the property owners earlier in the year asking them if they wanted their property sprayed. Approximately 240 people replied to the first mailing, but over 200 owners did not respond at all. Nineteen did not want their property sprayed, and four were adamant that none of the spray touch their property.

"Overall people were interested in the idea," said Norma Goodger, a member of the committee. "So we contacted the spraying company. Originally we had hoped to spray Crown land, but the process of getting permission was too long, and it would have been too late (to spray)."

After contacting the spraying com-

pany, the association mailed out contracts to those interested in the project, along with information on how to go about contracting the company. Each individual property owner has a contract with the company.

Property will only be sprayed if the owner indicated that they were interested, and sent in the contract. If the property owner objected to the spraying in the mailing their land will not be sprayed, nor will their neighbours', even if they requested spraying. That way none of the spray will drift onto the property of those in opposition.

"We are taking great pains to respect people's wishes," said Goodger. "The spraying company can be quite specific about where they drop it."

The cost to the property owner will be 27 cents per foot of water frontage, based on the frontage indicated on the contract. For someone with 150 feet of frontage, the total cost works out to \$40.50.

"It is a small price to pay to save even one tree," wrote Goodger in the Kushog Lake newsletter. "If the spraying reduces the caterpillar damage, I will consider it to have been worthwhile."

The spray being used is known as Dipel, and it occurs naturally in the environment. Thomson, who was

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Lutterworth hit with 15.8% taxation hike

by SUSAN GROBER
Staff Reporter

Lutterworth council passed their budget last week and residents of the township will see a 15.8 per cent increase in taxes this year.

According to Reeve Carol Puffer, the township is faced with the "same problems and the same expenses" as usual. But with large increases in the county and educational levies, she's surprised the overall tax increase isn't higher.

"We were able to come in at 15.8 per cent overall. I know that's a large chunk, but we're being bombarded from all directions."

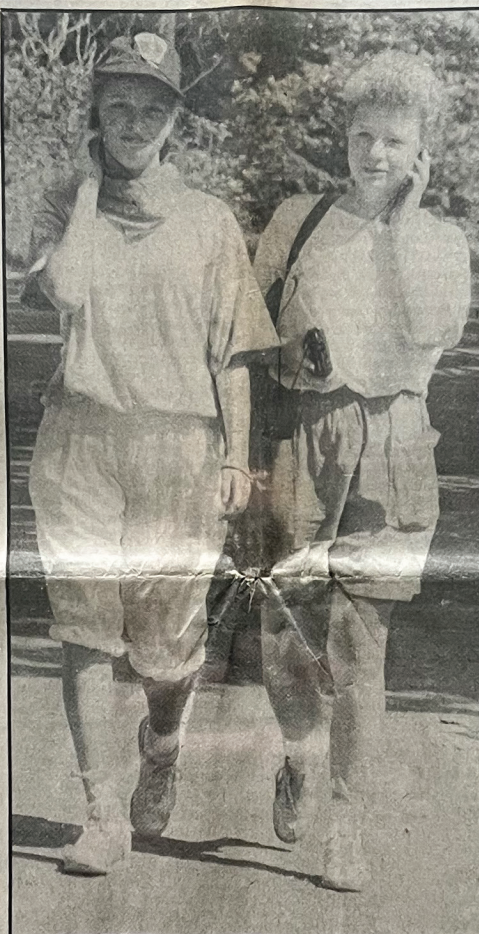
Lutterworth's increase for elementary education comes in at

13.8 per cent, while an extra 18.7 per cent will be paid for secondary education. "The county is one we didn't expect to deal with," said Puffer. The county levy increase is 11.2 per cent.

Puffer said out of 10 municipalities, Lutterworth is being slapped with the highest county levy increase. "I'm still trying to figure out what transpired in Lutterworth last year that's any different from elsewhere," she said.

"There's a large convoluted formula that's used to formulate county levies," she said. "I still can't fathom why Lutterworth is up so high."

The overall increase means a difference of \$40 a year for the average taxpayer.



Walk on by...

Sarah Cowling and Amy Vaughan were out enjoying the sunshine on Lake Kashagawigamog Road on Sunday. They were participating in the walk for water, which raised \$10,000 for water projects in third world countries.

AHM residents face 12% tax increase

by SUSAN GROBER
Staff Reporter

Minden ratepayers will see a 12.48 per cent increase in taxes as council passed their budget in a special meeting last week.

According to Reeve Ray Moore, council originally expected an increase of up to 32 per cent, but major cuts were made to keep the increase to a minimum.

"We had to work very hard on it, and had quite a few meetings," Moore said in an interview. "We had to do some slashing in our parks, so it was fortunate that we had \$78,000 in the parks reserve fund." The municipality of Anson, Hindon and Minden recently accepted and matched a \$78,000 grant from the Ministry of Tourism and Recreation to begin major work on a park plan. "That will help our parks budget considerably," he said.

In drawing up their budget, council was faced with a 22 per cent municipal levy increase (\$750,601),

a 13.2 per cent education levy increase (\$842,721) and an 8.8 per cent county levy increase (\$236,971).

In order to keep the overall increase down, Moore said there have been considerable decreases to roads expenditures. Transportation was decreased about 25 per cent from last year's budget to \$833,830.

"The budget is not reflecting what we are trying to do," said Moore, adding that projects will have to be delayed.

"This year is a bite-the-bullet year. It has been forced upon us to increase taxes." Unconditional grants from the province only increased one per cent to \$236,248. "They were cut a little bit," he said. "We can cry and scream all we want, but we have to deal with what we have."

Moore added that he would like to see an increase in commercial and industrial assessment. "If you don't have assessment and growth you're in trouble."

Newsletter explains plans

by SUSAN GROBER
Staff Reporter

Lutterworth residents will find a newsletter along with their tax bill at the end of June if all goes according to council's plans.

Normally information regarding general items such as dog tags is printed on the bottom of the sheet which shows the mill rate, but an extra page will now be inserted to keep residents up on any progress in the township.

At last week's council meeting, Reeve Carol Puffer said the newsletter will "update taxpayers" on items

such as the landfill sites or the proposed industrial park. She said information regarding which fire department each resident should contact in an emergency could also be included. "A lot of people think that they should just phone Minden, when it could be the Norland department that services their area."

She said the newsletter would also help inform people about the new controlled access at Lutterworth's three landfill sites. "What happens after hours is just awful... If we had the co-operation of the residents it would make things easier, but some people just don't seem to care."

HCSA loop fundraising drive is underway

by ANNE HEWITT
Staff Reporter

Fundraising for the snowmobile loop in Haliburton County is under way, and forms asking for donations from businesses are in the mail, says Mark Lester of the Haliburton County Snowmobiling Association.

The association has decided to start a levy system for those businesses that are benefitting from the snowmobiling industry in the area. They have put together a program soliciting the businesses for support. Businesses have the option of paying the full amount at once, paying in installments, paying less than requested, or not paying at all.

Every four to eight months the businesses will be solicited again in case of a change of hands or a change in attitude. Lester says so far the response from the businesses has been outstanding.

"The initial response was overwhelming," he says. "People were taking the sheet and sending us cheques even before the first mailing. They want to make sure they have the winter business they've come to rely on."

The money collected by the association will be used to maintain a 200 km section of the 640 km snowmobiling loop, which travels around the perimeter of the county. The trails will also be widened into a dual lane, so that twice as many sleds can use them before moguls start to appear.

Two new grooming machines will be used to groom the trails and will be

into shape overnight. The feeder trails will be gone over in approximately one day using five smaller machines.

Lester says the grooming is essential for providing safe snowmobiling in the area. He says 175 sleds used the trails on an average week-

day last year, and trail counts were up 30 per cent last winter.

"We want to be able to continue providing safe snowmobile trails," he says. "If the trails get rough people start to take the roads and the lakes."

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Monmouth tax jump held to 9 per cent

by ANNE HEWITT
Staff Reporter

Ratepayers in Monmouth township have received one of the lowest tax increases in the county—a 9.02 per cent rise over last year.

The largest individual increase was seen in the municipal levy, which jumped 14.78 per cent (from \$188,544 last year to \$216,409 this year). Most of the increase was as a result of the environment. In order to fence the dump, and provide a caretaker for it, over \$8,000 had to be budgeted.

Fire protection also received a jump in funding. Over \$35,000 was allocated in order to purchase new

pages and air packs for the crew. Clerk-Treasurer for Monmouth Township, Sharon Stoughton-Craig says the increase will only occur if the township receives a grant for fire protection.

The budget for roads increased by approximately \$193,000 this year. However, Stoughton-Craig says the bulk of the money will be received from the Ministry of Transportation. The ministry will be contributing \$343,000 of the \$428,000 total because the funds will be used to build a new garage.

General government expenditures decreased more than \$3,000. The figure was higher last year because

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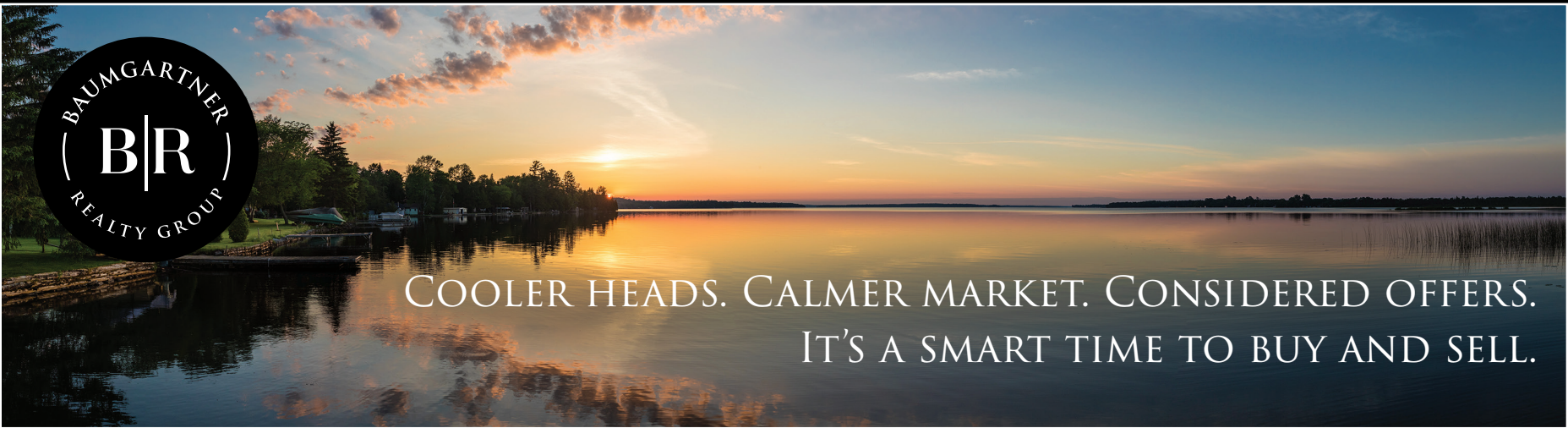
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